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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Seabed Mining

1. Bob Keating who has been a consultant to the Law of the Sea group tells me that what are called "submarine sulfides" are to be found 200 miles off the Oregon coast and in relatively shallow waters. He claims that these are more valuable than the manganese nodules which have been the rainbow for seabed mining. These sulfides lend themselves to hard rock mining to cobalt, zinc, silver, gold and other materials, including manganese.

2. Will you have this checked out and have our evaluation of the potential of seabed mining in the light of whatever this turns up.

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